

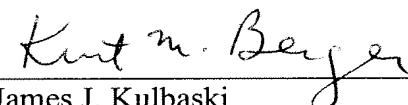
REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner indicated that only Claim 1 was pending and only Claim 1 was examined. However, Applicants note that, in the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed May 12, 2004, Claims 1-30 were canceled and Claims 31-46 were added. See attachment. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the Office has failed to consider the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and has examined the wrong claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the outstanding Office Action be withdrawn and that an examination on the merits of Claims 31-46 be conducted. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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